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WHITMAN SIGNS BILL AGAINST WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman has signed Executive Order No. 49 which establishes a zero-tolerance policy for workplace violence for the State of New Jersey and asks the Commissioner of Personnel to recommend strategies for preventing incidents of workplace violence.

"It is important that we advance the safety of employees in state government by preventing workplace violence," said Whitman. "A safe work environment can help us be more productive and more secure employees."

The order directs that harassment, intimidation, violence or threats of violence by or against state employees will not be tolerated by the state.

The Commissioner of Personnel is expected to make future recommendations on preventing and reacting to incidents of workplace violence, and to provide offices of state government with technical assistance necessary to implement those recommendations.

This executive order was signed in response to recommendations contained in a report on workplace violence released by the Department of Personnel. The report listed ways that the state can make public work environments more secure against violence.

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS TO BE FUNDED FOR JERSEY CITY

WASHINGTON, DC—Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) has announced that Jersey City will be among 15 US cities that have qualified for federal funding to reduce gang violence.

"When violent crime rates are dropping around the country, it is especially tragic that youth violence is on the increase," Bradley said. "The COPPS programs that have been so helpful in making our streets safer will now successfully target gang violence."

Jersey City could receive a half million to a million dollars in funding from the Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office to develop programs that will lessen the criminal influence of gangs on urban youth.

This grant is being offered under the COPPS Anti-Gang Initiative, which is part of an ongoing effort to curb violence among the nation's young people. The Anti-Gang Initiative strategies will include increased police monitoring of gang members who have criminal offenses, tighter patrolling of notorious gang areas, youth education, and mobilizing community organizations. "Young people must be encouraged to use their tremendous energy constructively, rather than destructively. The COPPS Anti-Gang Initiative provides a primer to help neighborhoods and towns develop their own plans to keep gangs out of the lives of their kids," Bradley stated.

BRAND NEW DAY DEDICATES NEW HOUSING SITE IN ELIZABETH

ELIZABETH—On Tuesday, May 7, Brand New Day, Inc., a non-profit housing corporation based in Elizabethport will conduct a dedication ceremony at the site of its latest project, 136-142 First Street in Elizabethport.

The project is the construction of a new three-story building which houses twelve three-bedroom apartments. It is the first new multi-family construction in the port area in many years.

This marks the fourth project built by Brand New Day, Inc. The first two are located at the intersection of First Street and Macgregor and were twelve-family structures, rehabilitated from abandoned buildings. The third project, completed three years ago, houses a Beauty Parlor, Brand New Day's office and two apartments. The latest project took over three years to get off the ground and received funding and financing from Summit Bank.

TRENTON—The long battle between the Legislature of New Jersey and the Whitman administration appears to be coming to a conclusion as the two work out a new plan to find funding to hospitals for caring for the uninsured.

Assemblyman Speaker Jack Collins of Salem County announced recently that the last points of the new plan are being discussed, and that he expects the Assembly Appropriations

Committee to approve the plan that he will put to a floor vote on May 6.

"The Assembly is going to move a bill," said Collins confidently. The Senate is also expected to pass the bill when they return on May 16, according to several Republican senators.

Lack of funding for charity care, which allows the uninsured to get hospital treatment and other medical care, has left many area hospital with

out the necessary funding since January 1. Last year hospitals received about \$400 million from the state, taking the previous three-year program to \$1.6 billion.

Because of the cut in funding since January 1, many hospitals have felt the crunch from the lack of money. In dealing with it some hospitals, primarily in inner cities, have slowed payments to vendors, planned layoffs and reduced services. On May 15, hospitals

will miss their fourth payment of \$33 million statewide for treating the unemployed, homeless, undocumented aliens and people who work at jobs that don't provide health coverage.

As in the past, the funding to be diverted for charity care will come from the unemployment fund. Recent negotiations have centered on a two-and-a-half year funding plan that divides hospitals about \$300 million a

year in charity care, retroactive to January 1. It would also include \$35 million a year for a Hospital Relief Fund that subsidizes 45 inner city hospitals treating large numbers of people with AIDS, tuberculosis and mental illness.

Because the proposed agreement will also draw from the unemployment fund, a six and a half week extension of unemployment benefits is expected to be part of the deal.

Rutgers faculty, students say no more cuts, hikes

by Kelly Howard

NEW BRUNSWICK—Standing up against budget cuts and tuition hikes over 400 students, faculty and staff converged upon Rutgers University President Francis Lawrence's office building last week, demanding contract settlements for faculty and an end to tuition hikes and program cuts.

Chanting "you say cut back, we say fight back" and "Hey ho, Francis has to go," the angry crowd spread out onto College Avenue, marching from the Brower Commons dining hall to the Old Queens administration building to make sure their feelings on the

situation were heard. "Is this any way to run a university?" African Studies Professor Walton Johnson asked the crowd gathered. Hooting signs that said "Tuition equals tears," the crowd screamed back "No!"

The noon demonstration was held prior to Rutgers' annual public hearing on tuition. The protest ended at 1 p.m. at the university Board of Governors being a hearing in Piscataway on the Bush campus about the pending tuition hike and raises. Lawrence was in attendance at the meeting.

During the hearing on faculty and staff salaries and pending tuition hikes, things turned raucous when stu-

dents and faculty were shouting obscenities called for the president to resign.

Lawrence voiced the Board's feelings saying that the choices were not totally out of place. "Dwelling on the negative, he also said, 'They wasted an opportunity, those that ranted and raved. They missed an opportunity to present their views on tuition.'

Despite the few loud students, many felt that even if there was calm their views are not being heard and that they are not being informed about what is going on. "We're one of the most respected groups on campus,

See NO MORE CUTS/page 3

Asbury Park's school board wins big

by Ron L. Holland

ASBURY PARK—In a convincing victory, four candidates who ran on the same ticket of great parental participation, control of administrative costs and implementing innovative programs for the Asbury Park district's children recently won seats for the board of education.

James Famularo, Rodney Bond and William Young won a full three year term, while Vivian Evans won an unexpired two year term. Famularo, who was significantly instrumental in the city's recent recall election, garnered the largest votes—613.

He attributed his third bid victory to "hardwork, dedication and commitment from the folks who raised the flag for Asbury United." Asbury United is the campaign organization that backed Famularo's ticket and the recall election.

Rodney Bond, adamant throughout the campaign for more teacher and parent cooperation, failed in with 506

votes. He said during the victory celebration that he wants to demonstrate to the city's children that through hard work comes success.

"This is not just for me it's for everyone in here," Bond said to the cheering audience at the Asbury United Campaign Headquarters. "We all have an interest in the Asbury Park education system because we all have children in Asbury Park. This victory is for our people and our babies," he continued.

Vivian Evans, 67, garnered the 2nd largest votes. Her campaign effort for George J. Schuh, Jr's unexpired term resulted in a 589 to 271 victory. Evans, whose work with children spans 35 years, said that she intends to "emphasize high quality education and more afternoon school programs." Evans said she also expects to "establish a better rapport between the parents, children and teachers." William Young, a corrections officer for the NJ Training School for Boys in Monroe Township said that he wants

to serve as a role model for the districts children.

"I wanted to get involved with (the school) system because I see the damage that is being done. It was important for me to get involved because I am someone who cares for our children," he said. Young garnered 530 votes.

The victors now inherit a fiscal quandary that promises to extend until next year. In an effort to save off a 19 cent that hike voters were asked if they desired to transfer \$1,397,825 from the current expense surplus funds into file debt service surplus funds. 494 of the 637 voters said yes.

Because Asbury Park is a special needs district this move could jeopardize funding from the state unless the law changes. Currently, the state does not allow expense surplus funds to be transferred to debt surplus and qualify for state funding. NJ Assemblyman Tom Smith is crafting legislation to change the law.

Youth center honors Plainfield sports legends



Joe Black



Milt Campbell

PLAINFIELD—Two Plainfield sports legends and "superstar native sons," Joe Black and Milt Campbell, will be honored by the Second Street Youth Center Foundation, Inc. Black will be honored on May 21, and Campbell on June 17.

Joe Black, a fastball-throwing, Plainfield High School graduate, was a pitcher for the 1956 legendary Brooklyn Dodgers, "DEM BUMS." A contemporary of Jackie Robinson, the first black American to break the color line of Major League Baseball, Black was voted 1952 National League "Rookie of the Year."

He was the first black pitcher to win a World Series baseball game and was inducted into the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame, The Mor-

gan State University Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Black Athletes Hall of Fame.

After his sports career, Black became vice president of Special Markets for the Greyhound Corporation and attends the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

A graduate of Morgan State College, Black was the first black American to play Major League Baseball. An orator and author of his inspiring autobiography, entitled *Air 'Nobody Better Than You*, Black has received Honorary Doctorates from Shaw University, Miles College, Central State College, and King Memorial College.

Courtney Clarke, Union County See SPORTS LEGENDS/page 10

NJSBA comments on budget election results

TRENTON—A large majority (67.8 percent) of proposed school budgets gained voter approval in April's annual school election, according to statistics released by the state. Edwin M. Lee, assistant executive director of the New Jersey School Boards Association, issued the following statement in response to the results.

"Clearly, the majority of voters felt comfortable with the budgets proposed by their local school districts and believed that the proposals were fair for children and the community at large. The results may also mirror recent opinion polls indicating that the public wants quality education and that they are willing to pay for it as

long as they believe the money is well spent. School boards have acted to control school costs through such steps as sharing services, reducing staff, privatizing non-educational services, and taking a hard stand at the bargaining table.

They also deserve credit for communicating clearly about the contents of their budget proposals and how they affect the local education program and the local property taxpayer. This enabled citizens to make informed decisions on the spending plan. Approximately 18 percent of New Jersey's registered voters participated in the election—an increase over last year's turnout of 15.5 percent."

Annual School Budget Election Results by County

	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989
Atlantic	97.8	95.0	95.6	96.0	92.9	82.4	70.8	82.4
Bergen	79.7	79.7	80.6	83.2	81.8	51.7	47.9	36.4
Burlington	71.0	81.5	30.8	51.3	52.5	55	28.6	25.5
Camden	48.8	57.3	45.0	87.6	80	83.4	60	78.5
Cape May	75.0	81.3	96.3	81.3	75	86.6	81.3	93.8
Camdenland	66.7	66.7	80.0	66.7	73.3	71.4	71.4	84.3
Essex	82.8	81.3	75.0	82.5	100	83.2	76.5	84.7
Gloucester	63.0	74.1	59.3	86.7	74.1	82.8	70.4	72.8
Hudson	28.6	28.6	28.6	71.4	33.3	42.9	42.9	28.6
Hunterdon	62.1	66.2	62.1	62.8	62.8	72.4	41.4	48.3
Monroe	37.5	87.5	25.0	87.5	82.5	12.5	82.5	87.5
Middlesex	65.2	39.1	26.1	72.7	50	18.1	31.8	36.4
Monmouth	75.9	74.1	50.0	54.7	75.9	37	51.9	64.8
Morris	82.1	82.1	61.5	84.6	94.4	84.1	66.4	79.5
Osborn	56.6	79.3	51.7	72.4	62.4	58.0	41.4	41.4
Passaic	66.7	55.6	33.3	66.7	61.1	52.6	56.8	55.8
Salem	46.2	46.2	76.9	76.9	69.2	69.2	69.2	76.9
Somerset	76.9	73.7	38.1	81.1	71.4	82.4	52.4	66.7
Sussex	84.0	84.0	80.0	80	86	72	76	96
Union	75.0	75.0	20.0	75	55	46	25	96
Warren	82.0	78.9	34.8	82.7	91.7	82.5	41.7	96.7
STATE RESULTS	67.8	72.3	91.4	88.9	79.4	59.8	52.0	62.1

Source: New Jersey School Boards Association

Poll: Blacks favor stiff penalties, have less confidence in justice system

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Black Americans feel more vulnerable to police brutality and harassment, but also feel more threatened by crime, according to a poll recently released by a black think tank.

The poll shows the dualty of the views of blacks on the current problems of crime and their historic and common views of the criminal justice system.

"Whether it is out of touch or not I don't know. I don't think so," said Eddie Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, the poll's sponsor and organizer. "There are some issue areas where black leaders need to listen a little more closely to their constituents," he added.

The center, a nationally respected think tank for black issues, did the survey based on telephone interviews with 1,596 randomly selected adult last January. The respondents were grouped by three categories: National African-American sample, national general population sample and a black male sample between the ages of 18 to 25 years old.

The study showed that: Twenty-six percent of blacks said either they or someone they knew was a victim of a violent crime, as opposed to only 16 percent of the general population. Fifty-two percent of blacks said they live at or near areas where they would be afraid to walk alone at night, as opposed to 31 percent of

the general population.

Seventy-three percent of blacks fear "three strikes and you're out" laws, as opposed to 62 percent of the total population.

Forty-three percent of blacks feel that police brutality and harassment are serious problems in their communities, as opposed to 15 percent of the general population.

Approximately 62 percent of black respondents called illegal drug abuse a major problem in their communities, as opposed to 40 percent to the general population.

Forty-eight percent of blacks responding were in favor of the death penalty, as opposed to 72 percent of the total population.

Texas courts reject college diversity

Admission at stake for minority students

by April Smith

Special to the NNPA

"Whites only." "Colored only." "Colored not allowed." You might remember the signs, or perhaps a relative talked about a time when he or she was once denied entry to public places we take for granted today, like restaurants, shopping malls, parks, movie theatres and even colleges.

That time seems long ago—unimaginable even. But today's history is essentially repeating itself, and the handwriting on the wall reads, "No admittance for African Americans."

A recent decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit ruled that public universities in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi may not consider race for the purpose of achieving

diversity. Even Texas' long history of discrimination did not justify affirmative action for black and Latino applicants. The ruling is a major setback for a people who historically have been overlooked and denied admission to colleges and universities simply because of their skin color.

According to Ted Shaw, associate director-counsel for the NAACP

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Shel employees file discrimination lawsuit

PEOPLE

Community Calendar

MONDAYS

PLAINFIELD—Kathy Fry leads a series of light aerobic exercises for senior citizens at the Senior Citizen Center at 305 E. Front St. For more info call 908-753-3506.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

PLAINFIELD—Professionally led aerobics and aerobic exercises at the YMCA, in the heated pool at 10:30 a.m. For more info call 908-753-3506.

WEDNESDAYS

BELLE MEAD—A Motherless Daughters Support Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Carrier Center for Counseling. For more info call 908-281-1999.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

NEWARK—University Heights Science Park host "Constructing Newark's Future: Celebrating Science in Newark - Past, Present and Future" from noon to 1 p.m. at Lock and Warren Streets. For more info call 201-325-7212.

NEWARK—People's Organization for Progress general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Newark Public Library.

JERSEY CITY—Charles Pratt will conduct a CATALYST workshop at Jersey City State College on "Presentation Software for the Educator" from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Center for Technology and Teaching. For more info call 201-200-3094.

MAY 2, 7 & 9

NEWARK—The Newark Literacy Campaign will hold volunteer training and orientations. For more info call 201-625-0011.

MAY 2 THRU 19

NEW YORK—Delene Productions & Company presents Charity Suffereth Long... at the American Theater of Actors. For more info call 201-879-2352.

MAY 2 THRU 30

EDISON—Middlesex County College presents Mi Pueblo y Mi Gente (My Town and My People) a photo exhibit at the College Center Gallery. For more info call 908-995-2556.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

The Union Hospital Auxiliary will host its Fashion Show Extravaganza at 6 p.m. For more info call 908-851-7014.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City College Percussion Ensemble will present its spring concert at 8 p.m. in Margaret Williams Theatre of Hepburn Hall. For more info call 201-200-3151.

WAYNE—Chandler Orchestra season finale celebrates centennial of the motion picture at 8 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts at William Paterson College. For more info call 201-595-2371.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

NEWARK—A lecture on Newark and

the temperance movement during the 17th century to Prohibition by Stephanie Wood, a history teacher at Montclair State University. For info call 201-483-3939.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Come join the fun! Celebrate the 11th Annual Race for the Rainbow at Albany and George Streets at 9 a.m. for 5K runners, 10 a.m. for 1 mi. walk/run. For more info call 1-800-CHILDREN.

MAY 4 AND 5

WAYNE—Hobart Manor celebrates spring with "The Manor in Bloom." For more info call 201-5595-2782.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

MONTCLAIR—The Montclair Art Museum presents Louis Mollie and the Thunderbird Dancers at 3 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555.

NEW YORK—Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture presents Schomburg "Sunday Sounds: The Music of Wayne Shorter," performed by Larry Ridley and the Jazz Legacy Ensemble at 3 p.m.

EDISON—Middlesex County College will hold its annual open house for prospective and admitted students from 1 to 4 p.m. in the College Center building.

PLAINFIELD—The Historical Society of Plainfield celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Drake House Museum and their 75th anniversary with a public exhibit from 2 to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-755-5531.

THRU MAY 11

PLAINFIELD—Voter Registration Drive hosted by the NAACP of Plainfield at the Twin City Super Market, 7th and Park Avenue.

EAST ORANGE—"Kente: The Fabric that Speaks," an exhibit of over 100 pieces, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at East Orange City Hall. For more info call 201-266-5123.

MONDAY, MAY 6

WESTFIELD—Ed Pez, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Master Gardener shows how to protect yourself from ticks and Lyme disease at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 908-654-9854.

MAY 7 AND 8

WESTFIELD—Mentil Lynch will hold two free seminars on "Using Trusts for Financial Security" at 7:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. For more info call 908-789-4335.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

EDISON—Middlesex County College hosts the annual Middlesex County Job Opportunity Fair and Career Exposition from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NEWARK—The RBP Community Development Series invites you to preview The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call

Chastang honored for exceptional medical services



EAST ORANGE—Mark J. Chastang, President and CEO of Essex Valley Healthcare and Dr. Saul K. Fenster, President of Newark Institute of Technology will be honored at the First Annual Awards Dinner of the Harbame Community Development Initiative, Inc. The Awards Dinner will take place on Thursday, May 2, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Both Chastang and Fenster are being recognized for their outstanding contributions in the areas of healthcare and education. As President and CEO of Essex Valley Healthcare, Chastang oversees all operations for the agency which is the parent company of East Orange General Hospital, the Visiting Nurse Association Care At Home and the Essex Valley Medical Transportation Services.

Student nurses put a smile on faces



Bloomfield College nursing students (l-r) Julia Anglin and Ariel Hackett entertain students with their puppeting skills at the Montclair Development Center.



AKAs honors Bebe Moore

Noted author Bebe Moore Campbell (l) accepts a distinguished service award from Wilma Holmes (r) at the Cluster IV North Atlantic Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. public luncheon.



Reynolds to chair Integrity, Inc.

John Clinton Reynolds, Jr., of South Orange was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees for Integrity, Inc. He is a Newark firefighter and executive administrator at St. James AME Church in Newark.

Munford named VP marketing for Essex Valley Healthcare



EAST ORANGE—Tracy L. Munford has been appointed vice president of Marketing and Community Development for Essex Valley Healthcare, Inc. Munford, an East Orange native, is the first African-American woman to serve as vice president of the agency.

Project 2000 to honor participants

NEWARK—Project 2000, sponsored by Seton Hall University, will host its annual awards ceremony to honor the men of Project 2000 on Wednesday,

May 15 at 5:30 p.m.

The event will be held in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center of Seton Hall University, Dr. Columbus Salley,

superintendent of the East Orange School District, will give the keynote address. For additional information call AJ Bundy, project director at 201-761-9648.

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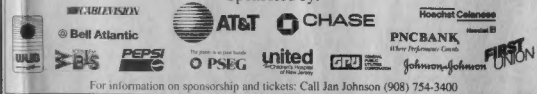
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WHAT AFRICAN AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CANCER

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FACT: African American men have the highest reported incidence and mortality rate of prostate cancer in the world.

FACT: Since 1955, cancer death rates have risen 66% in African American men, while only 17% in White men.

FACT: Black men have an 85% greater likelihood of developing prostate cancer than Whites - and are twice as likely to die from it.

FACT: African American women with breast cancer are less likely than White women to survive five years 69% vs. 84% respectively.

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NATION

National News
at a GlanceCONGRESSMAN CALL
ON MANDELA TO
REPUDIATE CADHAFI

U.S. Rep Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.), chairman of the House International Relations Committee, is urging South African President Nelson Mandela not to support an effort by Libya to "unjustly sanction" enacted by the United Nations to force Libya to turn over those indicted in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which killed 270 people. The letter comes in response to remarks by South African officials that the nation would back Libya in this effort. The bombing, write Gilman in a letter to Mandela signed by several of his Congressional colleagues, "echoed the condemned attacked...exiles in Lesotho. The United States, condemned in the strongest terms the kidnapping of these innocent South African women and children, and we have never made excuses for those who murdered them. What is puzzling is why our concern for the well-being of your people is not reciprocated." This is not puzzling to those who remember that Libya was a strong supporter of Mandela during the 1980's, while the United States in comparison endorsed "Constructive engagement."

—NEW YORK, NY

HANDGUNS BLAMED
FOR CHILD SUICIDES

"Anti-violence officials[recently] said more children are using firearms to commit suicide in America than acts of homicide, blaming depression and easy access to guns in many homes for the disturbing trend," reports *The Chicago Daily Defender*. "Dan Kotowski, project coordinator of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, revealed suicides make of more than half of the firearm-related deaths in America annually. 'We have Latickey kids growing up in environment where the parents aren't there, where guns are present and by virtue of kids being exposed to guns in their teen years, when they're depressed it makes the situation all the more lethal,' Kotowski said."

—CHICAGO, IL

SPIKE LEE FINISHES
LATEST MOVIE IN DC

Spike Lee has wrapped up filming on *Get On The Bus*, a budget movie on the impact of the Million Man March through the eyes of 20 men who travelled across the country to the event. Lee was in Manassas, VA and at Washington, DC's Lincoln Memorial, where the last scene was scheduled to be filmed. "It is a black buddy movie, 'a Lee spokesman told reporters. The film, scheduled to be released on October 16, the first anniversary of the march, stars Andre Braugher, Ossie Davis and Isiah Washington. Lee said in an interview with reporters that he was 100 percent behind the recent protest of Hollywood's lack of inclusion of blacks in decision-making posts. Lee said that if Hollywood is so liberal, it should be willing to disclose the number of African Americans on studio payrolls and list how many of them can "greenlight" a movie.—WASHINGTON, DC

RELIGIOUS ONLINE
GUIDE TO STARTING A
BUSINESS AVAILABLE

African-American Christians now have their own cyberspace guide to starting businesses. It's a new software program called "Biblical Business Start-Up: A Biblical Guide To Starting a Business." Topic covered include: Business plans, market research and idea development. The software, compatible with Windows 3.1 and Windows 95, invites participation with questions on scriptures and business. For more information call 1-718-320-2746.—NEW YORK, NY

DC landmark to house National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the primary advocacy and service organization for African-American women, recently announced that it has acquired Sears House, one of the last remaining examples of mid 19th century architecture in the nation's capital.

The building will house the non-

profit organization's national headquarters and its new initiatives, the National Centers for African-American Women and the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute.

The purchase of the six-story, 42,000 square foot facility, located at 633 Pennsylvania Avenue, (midway between the White House and the Capitol) was made possible by a partnership between the seller, Sears, Roebuck and Company and First Union Bank of Washington DC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation and Chrysler Corporation.

"This collaboration is a sterling example of corporate citizenship," stated Dr. Dorothy I. Height, president and Chief Executive Officer of NCNW. "We now have the opportunity to

consolidate and maximize our resources to respond to the needs of the 21st Century. We will train and prepare a new generation of African-American women leaders for the enhancement of their families, communities and organizations. This new entity will also give us a strong base to fulfill our community-based mandates," Height continued.

NCNW is in the midst of a three-year \$30 million Fund for the Future Campaign chaired by Dr. Maya Angelou. This effort was launched with a substantial contribution by Camille and Bill Cosby. The campaign will fund the purchase of the building and provide an endowment to sustain NCNW programs.

Mayors join forces for the
good of the city

ATLANTA, GA—Atlanta's "three mayors" (I-1) Andrew Young, Bill Campbell and Maynard Jackson stand in allegiance as co-chairs of APEX Heritage '96, a fund-raising campaign to offset expenses to be incurred by the APEX (African-American Panoramic Experience) museum in preparation for the 1996 Summer International sporting events. Funds raised through the campaign will be used to stage a spectacular multi-media presentation "The Journey," a saga from ancient African civilizations to contemporary black America. More than 10 million visitors are expected to visit Atlanta this summer for the National Black Arts Festival and the Olympics.

No more cuts

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and we couldn't get anywhere with the administration," said History Professor John Gillis. "That's why I'm here (at the protest)."

The rally came as faculty unions threatened a walk out unless the administration agrees to salary increases matching those recently given to employees of other state agencies. The Rutgers full-time faculty have been working without a contract since last July. The service workers are also in the process of negotiating a contract. For the Board to give those faculty and staff members a pay increase, the university asserts that they would have to enforce a tuition hike and program cuts at the school.

About 90 percent of the money available for salaries in the university's \$1.1 billion budget comes from tuition and state aid, said Nancy Winterbauer, vice president for budgeting. With the state's plans to cut the \$280 million in aid to the university by \$6.4 million, any plans for salary increases would have to come from tuition hikes.

Arlene Hantley, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1761 scoffed at the university's assertion that state budget cuts will force a tuition hike at Rutgers.

"Every time we come up for a contract, they have no money. It's amazing," she said.

The committee announced at the hearing a plan to raise student room and board 4 percent next semester. For students living in residential halls, it will mean a \$116 jump from \$2,890 to \$3,006.

College fees, which help fund student recreation activities and health services, will go up between 1.8 and 5 percent, under the plan. Rutgers has not put a number on the tuition increase. Lawrence said he wants to keep tuition reasonable. "I'm sick and tired of paying more each year for less."

Lancelot Owens
scholarship gala

RUTHERFORD—The first Annual Awards Dinner for the Lancelot H. Owens Scholarship Foundation (LHOSF) will be held on Saturday, May 4 at the Meadowlands Hilton. The event will be held in conjunction with the Tri-State Chapter of the National Football League Players Association.

The black tie gala will be hosted by John Amos and his daughter Queen Latifah. The LHOSF is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 by Rita Owens and Queen Latifah. Lancelot, who died in a motorcycle accident in 1992 was Rik's only son. For more information call 212-802-4713.

Muhammad speaks

ASBURY PARK—The Nation of Islam of Red Bank presents an evening with Minister Khalid Abdul Muhammad on a discussion of "Who is That Mystery God?" God is Real. Scheduled for Friday, May 3 at the West Side Community Center in Asbury Park. Forticket prices call 908-933-0098 or 908-775-5549.

Shaw University joins forces with Texas Instruments

Initiative to increase participation of blacks in science and technology

RALEIGH, NC—Texas Instruments, Inc., of Dallas announced at Shaw University "Phase I" of its new partnership with the University's Division of Science and Technology.

The new program, "Phase I" includes the establishment of a more than \$10,000 Texas Instruments Presidential Scholarship to be awarded to a Shaw University student majoring in science. The Scholar will also be awarded a summer internship at their headquarters in Dallas upon successful completion of his or her freshman year.

The program is part of Shaw University's ongoing effort to increase the number of minorities in the fields of science and technology and a part of Texas Instruments' Historically Black Colleges and Universities Minority Institutions Program.

Texas Instruments, a technology leader in high-performance notebook computers and model based software development tools, is also donating 30 TI82 Graphic Calculators to the University's Math Department.

According to Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, "The University is very excited about our new relationship with Texas Instru-

ments and we look forward to it prospering in the coming years." Shaw University, founded in 1865, is the oldest historically black institution in the South. Since 1987 the Uni-

versity has been under the leadership of President Shaw, whose leadership pursues the theme "Strides to Excellence: Why Not the Best?"



Pictured (l to r) are Shaw University President Talbert O. Shaw; Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Helga Greenfield; Chairperson for Div. of Science & Tech. Dr. Lillie Boyd; Texas Instruments, Inc. representative, Dr. Marvin Cowens; and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Collette Coleman.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

To the 100 Most Influential

The Oscars. The Grammy's. MVP awards. More often than not, we spend our time paying recognition to those in entertainment, sports etc. Since 1983, *Playfield Today*—now called *City News*—has been recognizing those who quietly go about making a difference for themselves and their communities.

On Thursday, May 2, *City News* will be honoring 100 individuals who have worked long and hard toward the progress of black people in New Jersey, or who have significantly impacted the positive development of New Jersey's urban communities.

We see them as the 100 Most Influential because they go about taking care of business without regard for personal gain. While many of their deeds may affect only one group of people, like senior citizens, youth or those in need of housing, collectively they create a force for positive change and uplifting of the black community and humanity.

We also recognize that corporations, having the wherewithal to exist independently don't have to be good neighbors. We in New Jersey, however, are fortunate that many of our corporations understand that growing, thriving corporations are good for business—everyone's business.

Everyone will not agree on all the choices. It is at great risk that we dare to present this group as the 100 most influential people. Recognizing the positive things that these people have done for the progress of black people and to rebuild urban communities, it is worth the risk. To the 100 and to those who support you, thank you for your stewardship.

Hostile newspapers are to be feared

Dear editor:

Newly's Mayor Sharpe James has a son, a reservist, who served his country well in the Middle East. He was pulled out of college and transferred from a student into a soldier in just 24 hours.

After serving with bravery along with his fellow white soldiers John James returned to college and was serving as an aide to Assemblyman Jackie Marshall.

In an article published by the *Star-Leader* a reporter charged that patronage is part of the political landscape in Newark; and used the John James story to illustrate its stupidity.

Hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets, as John James sadly found out. John James and Jackie Marshall are a credit to Newark and the country. Why isn't the *Star-Leader* exposing the Jewish Mafia in Livingston? Is it because they are protected by some crooked federal, state, and county judges? Thank god we have honest, hard-working judges but the judiciary running Livingston should be investigated.

Professor Frank C. Marmo, B.S., M.A., Ph.D.

With the good comes the bad

from the Rainbow Coalition

his mean spirit over the years.

The thrill of victory

NEW YORK—At last, we can't win! Tomorrow we can celebrate! After 25 years of demeaning and degrading African Americans and Latinos, WABC-AM talk radio host Bob Grant has been terminated by mutual agreement, "according to the official release by Capital Cities/ABC."

Yeah, right. Translation: he was fired, by mutual agreement among 99 percent of the human race.

Those of us in the JaxFax world know that the National Rainbow Coalition (NRC) has been leading critics of Bob Grant's hate talk for years. Using the research of the media watchdog group FAIR, the NRC highlighted a complete series of NRC's most malicious radio comments in JaxFax. JaxFax, Reverend Jackson led picket lines at WABC, and the NRC organized a protest of the corporate sponsors of Grant's show, which led to numerous withdrawals.

The recently, the wake of Grant's despicable comments about the death of Communist Secretary Ron Brown, the NRC launched a new campaign calling for Grant's dismissal.

Step 1—In the April 11 issue of JaxFax, we strongly criticized Grant's ugly remarks about Ron Brown. Step two—The next day, Reverend Jackson wrote a letter to Michael Ortiz, President of the Walt Disney Company, parent corporation to ABC, calling Grant's comments a "disgrace," and urging Disney to "take action...immediately."

Step three—The NRC organized and announced a picket line for ABC. Step four—The NRC began planning for another corporate sponsorship boycott.

Step five—VICTORY! ABC's patience was exhausted, the heat was on, and a moral judgment was demanded. Result: Bob Grant is history. Thanks to all the Rainbow family who fought

THE PASTOR'S WORD

Uniting to make a difference for ourselves

by Revs. Reginald T. Jackson & Raiford S. Wheeler

We are busy now preparing for the March to Trenton on May 6. This March is to bring together blacks from all across the state—male/female, youth, seniors, everyone. An opportunity for blacks to demonstrate to the state, our unity and solidarity to improve the quality of life of blacks and make a difference in our communities.

United, there is little blacks in this state cannot do. The problem is we have not been united, there has always been somebody or something dividing us or putting us against each other.

Now as we prepare to march to Trenton we find our political leadership more divided than ever. So divided it is hard for them to ever talk to each other, let alone work together. As a result, many issues which affect our people and communities go unaddressed.

There is a painful observation we have made as we've watched most, not

all of our political leaders. In fact an observation which other people have noticed and angrily pointed out to us from time to time, especially when we tried to get to them about voting.

The observation we have made is that far too many of our elected officials do not get involved, take a public position, speak out or act on critical issues that affect people, but only show passion or get involved when it's something that affects them personally.

There's no better example than what is going on now that has our elected officials divided. It involves the leadership of the Clinton/Gore election campaign in New Jersey. There is much acrimony, infighting and letter writing going on between New Jersey and Washington about who should and should not lead it, and who is and who is not going to work with whom. Lines have been drawn and sides have been chosen among black elected leaders. It is a heated and very divisive matter. It is about who will chair a campaign.

Yet, there is the issue of charity care which affects more than one million citizens of this state, many of them blacks, who work but whose employers do not provide health benefits. It also affects urban hospitals who receive almost \$300 million in reimbursement for health care that was not paid in three months.

These hospitals have already begun laying people off, stopped paying vendors and soon will begin cutting back services. Orange Memorial, in dire straits and is owed over \$1 million, East Orange General, \$3 million, United Hospital almost \$4 million and United Hospital about \$12 million.

This is a crisis for our people, our cities and these hospitals, yet not one black mayor, not the state Black Caucus (General Assembly), and black city council member has had a press conference, gone to Trenton or organized to bring pressure to bear to resolve the issue of charity care. With the exception of Assembly member Leroy Jones who has sponsored leg-

islation and Assembly members Nia Gill and Carol Stanley who attended one meeting with clergy, there has been a deafening silence from black leaders.

The observation is that most of our elected leaders get active and involved when it's something that affects or benefits them personally, but not when it's an issue that involves their constituents.

If not, why haven't they spoken or acted on this issue. You can be sure that if our mayors, stopped bickering and the mayors of Newark East Orange, Orange, Irvington, Trenton and Camden, the Assembly Black Caucus and council members went to Trenton and lobbied for charity care, it would have been resolved long ago.

It will be interesting to see how many of our elected leaders show up in Trenton on May 6 to be with the people they are elected to represent, or if they will be so divided and split that they can't stand side by side, or better yet, whether they can stand with us and for us.

Information is the power and it's time we got it right

by William Reed

In order for more African Americans to enjoy real freedom, gaining education and self-sufficiency is a must for all of us. As the working class moves from an industrial-based economy to the information age, every African American will have to understand and possess computer equipment and interact with the rest of the world and be in the race for jobs and business contracts.

Recently the United Minority Contractors Association (UMCA), a non-profit organization that represents 250,000 professional minority contractors in the United States made a pact with Apple Computer, Inc. to work together on an initiative which can increase computer literacy and ownership to minority communities and relate.

The joint business effort, called the Diversity Initiative, comprises a number of programs for families, low-income minority communities, students and faculty at historically black colleges and universities and inner-city training centers that more of the public should know of. For those who it's,

who understand the direction life and the world economy will take into the future, it's apparent what such a cooperative program can do toward accelerating access to computing products, technologies, and training in low-income and educationally deprived minority communities.

In making the pact with UMCA, Apple executive Mike Conner pointed out his company's commitment in educating and empowering more of the African-American community. "Together with UMCA, we are thinking and working differently to overcome the barriers to adoption of computing technology within the African-American community. We believe that working together we can help make a difference."

Apple understands that reaching out to minority communities and relationship-building is good business. UMCA's president, Lorraine Smoot-Stone says: "Working together with Apple, we can aggressively pursue one of today's most pressing priorities for low-income minority communities—technological empowerment." Information being the power factor that it is, and will be, it's important for more

blacks to get on board with this Diversity Initiative.

The UMCA-A Apple Diversity Initiative programs include:

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Pilot Program—UMCA will provide Apple servers, desktop and mobile computer systems, and printers to a number of traditionally black education institutions beginning in May 1996. The Apple systems will have networking, e-mail and Internet capabilities and will be used by HBCU students and faculty in computer labs and in other course work.

HUD 203 (K) Rehabilitation Program—UMCA has actively encouraged home ownership in the African-American community through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 203 (K) Housing Rehabilitation Program. Through the Diversity Initiative, UMCA also plans to encourage computer ownership by providing all UMCA 203 (K) rehabilitated properties with Internet-ready Apple computers and printers, initially in New Orleans and Chicago.

UMCA Training Center Program—UMCA plans to place

Apple products in centers throughout the U.S., where it will provide training in construction, business principles and computer skills. These technical training centers, serve as HUD Section III and Welfare Reform Readiness Training facilities.

1996 Congressional Black Caucus—Apple Computers Inc. will sponsor the UMCA's Black Caucus Annual Breakfast Awards at the 1996 Congressional Black Caucus in September. Apple and UMCA will showcase computer technologies and products, and present programs designed to assist the African-American community in computer literacy and ownership.

UMCA, whose work and myriad of programs is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with headquarters in Los Angeles. The association has numerous affiliates across the country. UMCA provides employment and training opportunities as well as inter-city development programs and low-to-moderate income housing. For inquiries about its programs and initiatives address e-mail to: UMCA@CATE.com

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by Askiya Muhammad

It seems that Spring can't come to the Nation's Capital late without a brouhaha over a black group offering an award to civil rights icons. Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC).

Last year, under the banner: "Black and White Great Together, The Unity Continues," the Greater Washington Urban League honored the 93-year-old, in spite of much outrage by shocked observers.

The Florida court's own language

This year, the theme for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education's (NAFEO) 21st conference award luncheon was to have been "M-A-D: Making A Difference." But judging by the reaction of the National Black Caucus Members, the theme was more accurately M-A-D, as in "angry."

Last March the local Urban League affiliate weathered the anti-Thurmond storm of the year, despite complaints that

the vative black radio talk-show host Armstrong Williams were only one of 17 interracial pairs being recognized. This year Rep. William Clay (D-MO) and Louis Stokes (D-OH) both refused to attend the luncheon and

accept an award with fellow lawmaker Sen. Thurmond. Although some black educators attending the conference took records that for his staunch support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, NAFEO abruptly canceled the awards for all three after receiving a letter from Rep. Clay, and an angry phone call from Rep. Stokes.

This year, despite complaints that Sen. Thurmond is "an honor not worthy of honor," with a reputation as an "arch conservative," the show went on with his supporters reminding all that he's voted in favor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and for the renewal of the Voting Rights Act.

This year, without any reference at all to his Capitol Hill colleagues' infamous filibuster for 24 hours and 18 minutes in 1957 to protest a weak civil

rights bill, the honor for the oldest man to ever serve in the Senate was in-dow with kind words. In a letter dripping with irony, to NAFEO interim President Wilmon R. Roscoe, Clay said his presence at the luncheon would diminish the significance of the award you will bestow on Sen. Thurmond, a great crusader for civil rights, racial justice, economic parity, and equal educational opportunity.

"His lifetime of dedicated struggle to the advancement of these causes," Rep. Clay continued, "stands head and shoulders above all others. His championing the causes of the disadvantaged, dispossessed and persecuted, uniquely qualifies him for this 'singular' honor. In my opinion, this distinguished award should not be shared by individuals of lesser commitment." We said the velvet glove. The iron fist.

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Quality cost-effective health care for all

by Senator Bill Bradley

Our nation faces a critical choice about how we provide health care to our senior citizens. Over the past year, Medicare has become caught in the Congressional debate over how to balance the federal budget. Nearly everyone agrees that we have to find ways to keep Medicare financially solvent. Many plans to reduce spending have been suggested. But the size of cuts is still a controversial topic.

Over the past year, both Republicans and Democrats have proposed billions of dollars in cuts, with the GOP proposals at one time as high as \$270 billion. Many have suggested moving Medicare beneficiaries into managed care health plans to save money.

In this debate over reforming Medicare, how much to cut is overshadowing the more important question of how to keep up the quality of care after the cuts and whether patients will still be able to choose their doctors and health care plans.

I believe preserving a good doctor-patient relationship is among the most vital ingredients to successful Medicare reform. We should guaran-

tee a "point of service" option, in which managed care health plans must allow senior citizens to see the doctor of their choice, even if that doctor is not on the plan's list.

As a member of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Special Committee on Aging, I have voted in favor of such guarantees, and I will continue to support them in order to preserve quality health care services for older Americans.

As we continue to look for savings as a country, we need to ask ourselves: Is Medicare the best place for the government to save money? Since it began in 1966, federally funded Medicare has provided health care to 36 million elderly and disabled Americans. Today, thanks to Medicare, doctor visits, hospital treatments and hospice care are available to 98 percent of Americans over the age of 65.

Among federal programs, Medicare stands out as a great success. Of course, everyone is going to have to make some sacrifices to balance the budget, but as we cut, we must also keep in mind the costs of those cuts—not only to a growing population of older Americans—but also to the health

care system. In an environment of increased competition for limited health care dollars, hospitals worry that excessive Medicare cuts will force them to reduce staffs and services. Medical education funding may suffer. Institutions that provide care to the underinsured may close.

And there are long-term health care considerations, such as nursing homes and home-based care, which Medicare will have to deal with in the near future. Finally, because the need for health care will never go away, there's only so much that can be cut before we shamelessly neglect some of our most vulnerable citizens.

While we have to be realistic about how much of our federal budget can be used to finance Medicare, government power can balance the market interests of insurers with the needs of patients and doctors in ways that don't cost too much money.

The government's bottom line should not simply be how much does a program cost, but does it ensure access to quality health care that is cost-effective. Just as his fellow Americans, the millions of people who rely on Medicare deserve nothing less.

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Kids Kalendar

THRU MAY 2
JERSEY CITY—JCSW will offer Saturday Gilled and Talented Education program for youth in grades four through six on consecutive Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. For tuition info call 201-202-3889.

THRU MAY 11
MONMOUTH—Monmouth County Park System presents "Creative Activities for Tots," for children 3 1/2 to 5, on Saturday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Tatum Park Activity Center. For more info call 908-842-4000.

THRU MAY 18
MONMOUTH—For kids six to eight, Monmouth County Park System has scheduled Performing Arts training at Tatum Park Activity Center, from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info call 908-842-4000.

JERSEY CITY—Spanish Enrichment for Children, a ten-part Saturday course at JCSW for children of Hispanic heritage in grades K thru six. For more info call 201-202-3282.

SATURDAY, MAY 4
WAYNE—Charlotte's Web will be staged at William Paterson College at 11 p.m. For more info call 201-595-2371.

MAY 4 & 5
MILLBURN—Peggy's Playhouse presents a Maximilian Production of "Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories in a Story Salad," for kids 3 to 7, at 11 a.m. For more info call 201-376-4343.

SUNDAY, MAY 5
MONTCLAIR—American Family Theater's "Broadway for Kids" series presents Wizard of Oz at 1 p.m. at Montclair State University. For more info call 201-655-5112.

MONDAY, MAY 6
NEWARK—Newark Health and Human Services Department presents "Punch and Judy" puppet show at Early Childhood Learning Institute. For more info call 908-733-4401.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication



ArtsPower, New Jersey's largest touring theatre for young and family audiences, will present free performances of its nationally acclaimed musical theatre productions, *Olympic Spirit: The Jesse Owens Story*, in six Newark schools. The performances, scheduled for May 15, 23, and 24, are being funded by The Prudential Foundation of Newark in support of ArtsPower's *The ACE Project*.



Pictured at the Third Annual Albert Howard Scholarship Awards Luncheon sponsored by MENTORS, and the Fort Monmouth Chapter of Blacks In Government, are (l to r) scholarship winner Martin Anthony Scott of Marlboro High School, Cheryl Holmes, luncheon chairperson, Attorney Susan D. Davis, guest speaker, Atlantic Highlands, scholarship winner Tamara Lane Thomas of Monmouth Regional High School, and Alter L. Cochran, president, Region II of Blacks In Government.

The perfect Mothers' Day card

LOUISVILLE, KY.—A Wyoming sixth grader is the national grand prize winner of the *RFC Family Circle All-American Salute to Mother's Day* greeting card contest. Austin Lee created a Mothers' Day greeting card which topped more than 35,000 student entries. Lee, 11, lives in Frannie, WY, and attends Rocky Mountain Middle School in Denver, WY.

Lee's card will be produced by Carlton Cards, a division of American Greetings Corporation and sold in more than 9,000 retail outlets nationwide in time for Mother's Day, May 12. As the national grand-prize winner, Lee receives \$3,500 and a trip to New York with a parent or guardian to open the Mother's Day exhibit at the Empire State Building. Her school receives the latest edition of the 92-volume *World Book Majestic Encyclopedia*.

Newark girls awarded scholarships at career day

NEWARK—Seven young women from Newark high schools were presented with cash scholarships during the 6th Annual Newark City-Wide Women's Career Day held at New Jersey Institute of Technology on March 22.

Career Day is organized by the North Jersey Association of Female Executives (NJAFEF) Foundation and co-sponsored by the North Jersey Association of Female Executives, NJAFEF, and the NJAFEF Talent Search Program and the NJAFEF Department of Guidance.

The recipients of the 1996 NJAFEF Tip O'Neil Memorial Scholarships are: **Feliz Agnieszka of East Side H.S.** for \$1,000; **Ann B. Monteiro, Carina**

Mahalhaes and Luisa Hernandez of East Side H.S. for \$500; **Gabriela Mendez and Silvia C. Pastor** of Arts H.S. for \$500 and **Yonna Ada Durn of Weequahic H.S.** for \$500.

Two hundred girls from 12 Newark High Schools and more than a dozen female professionals from the Newark area participated in the day-long event.

Winners of Plainfield Historical Society writing contest

PLAINFIELD—Recently City Newsreported that a group of Plainfield students had won prizes in the city's Historical Society writing contest. Following are the names of those students and their grades.

Kindergarten: Ms. Scurry's All Day Kindergarten class of Evergreen School; **Kyle Battle, Nadiyah Dabney, and Alben McWilliams** of Cedarbrook School; **3rd Place:** Julian Phillips of Woodland School; **2nd Place:** Krystal Newton of Cedarbrook School; **3rd Place:** Michelle Cardon of Evergreen School.

Second Grade: 1st Place, Alexis Thompson of Evergreen School; 2nd Place, Theo Jones of Woodland School; 3rd Place, Jonathan Thompson of Barlow School.

Third Grade: 1st Place, Tia, Jhad Carter and Elizabeth Ramirez, both of Cook School; 2nd Place, Tia, Daniel Austin of Woodland School and Craig Davis; 3rd Place, Tiffany Jaskowski of Cook School.

The Family tree winners are: **first grade:** Tristian Saunders of Woodland

School; **second grade:** Cecelia Hall of Barlow School; and **third grade:** Kristi Enhill of Cook School.

Fourth grade: 1st Place, Latoya Joseph of Barlow School; 2nd Place, Chevanie Smith of Cedarbrook School; 3rd Place, Erica Brown of Cook School.

Fifth Grade: 1st Place, Kenyal Johnson of Cook School; 2nd Place, Yvonne Mathews of Cedarbrook School; 3rd Place, Jonathan Jones.

Sixth Grade: 1st Place, Rashad Sheikh of Washington School; 2nd Place, Lauren Porter of Cedarbrook

School; 3rd Place, Tamsy Phillips of Emerson School. Overall family tree winners for fourth, fifth and sixth grades are: 1st Place, Jayson Shaw; 2nd Place, David Chupek; 3rd Place, Jayson DeMarco, all of Cook School.

Seventh grade: 1st Place, Najiyah Esai; 2nd Place, Chamir Shivers; 3rd Place, Charmaine Franklin, all of Maxson School.

Eighth grade: 1st Place, Micah Garrison; 2nd Place, Avrel Perez; 3rd Place, Clifford High, all of Maxson School.

McGraw gets Silver Medal Award from AKA



Dana McGraw (c), a senior at Plainfield High School accepts the Silver Medal Award at the Exhibition Competition High School level in the Partners in Science Math Competition at the Quater IV 45th North Atlantic Regional Conference of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. for her Magnetism and Crystal Project from Wilma Holmes Title (second I), as C. Editor Book, International Program Committee; Gloria Smith, International Program Chairperson; and Beverly Shelton, teacher at Plainfield High School look on.

Register now for sports camp

NEWARK—The Newark DORCA office is hosting a Sports Camp for children ages 7 through 17 during the summer. The camp will be held at John F. Kennedy Recreation Center Monday, through Friday and will offer instruction in basketball, soccer, volleyball and softball.

Mandatory medical forms must be completed and returned with the application to the DORCA office, Rm. B-23 at City Hall by Friday May 17. Participants must sign up for the camp program. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For applications call 733-3749.

Imam Mohammed to speak at Plainfield High School

PLAINFIELD—Imam W. Deen Mohammed, of the Society of Muslim Americans, will speak to the city's ninth and tenth grade students at a Plainfield High School assembly on Tuesday, May 7. Mohammed's discussion, "Striving for Excellence" is part of the Social Studies curriculum being offered at the high school.

Adopt a camper this summer

EASTBRUNSWICK—The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council is officially launching its third annual Adopt-A-Camper campaign in an effort to provide an outdoor camp experience for nearly 100 disadvantaged youth in Mercer, Middlesex and parts of Monmouth, Union and Somerset counties.

"We believe that every child should have the opportunity to catch butterflies, learn about science and nature, and make valuable, lifelong friends," explained Mary Hirsch, communications and development director for the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council.

Each year, the council provides financial aid for more than 100 girls. Last year, the Adopt-A-Camper program supported nearly 30 children for a one-week adventure. Camp includes transportation, T-shirt, some meals, and program activities.

For additional information on the Adopt-A-Camper program, contact the council at 908-821-9090.

This Week in Black History

MAY 1
1901—Sterling Brown, poet, literary critic and editor is born in Washington, DC.

1941-A. Philip Randolph issues a call for 100,000 Blacks to march on Washington, DC, to protest armed forces and defense industry discrimination, leading to President Franklin D. Roosevelt passing Executive Order 8802, banning federal discrimination.

1950
Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for her book of poetry *Annie Allen*.

1975-A commemorative stamp of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar is issued by the U.S. Postal Service as part of its American Arts series.

1990-Robert Guillaume, former star of the *Remington TV* series, premieres in the title role in *Platoon of the Open* at the Music Center in Los Angeles.

1991-Rickey Henderson strikes his 900th home in the Oakland A's game against the New York Yankees, breaking Lou Brock's record.

MAY 2
1844-Eligh McCoy, holder of over 50 patents and source for the phrase "the real McCoy," is born in Ontario, CAN.

1920-The first game of the National Negro Baseball League is played in Indianapolis, IN.

1968-The Poor People's March, led by Ralph D. Abernathy, begins as caravans from all over the country leave for Washington, DC, to protest poverty and racial discrimination.

1992-Los Angeles begins massive cleanup and rebuilding effort after three days of widespread civil unrest resulting from the acquittal of four police officers in the beating of Rodney King.

MAY 3
1845-Macomb B. Allen becomes the first African American formally admitted to the bar in Massachusetts. He was admitted to the bar in Maine the previous year, making him the first licensed African American attorney in the U.S.

1902-Astride Alana Dale, African-American jockey Jimmy Winfield was his second Kentucky Derby in a row.

1920-Walkers Smith, Jr., better known as Sugar Ray Robinson is born in Detroit, MI.

1948-In *Shirley's Kneeder*, the Supreme Court rules that courts cannot enforce segregationist housing covenants.

MAY 4
1961-Thirteen CORE-sponsored Freedom Riders begin a bus trip throughout the South to force desegregation of terminals. Ten days later the bus will be bombed and its passengers attacked.

1969-No Place To Be Somebody by Charles Gaskins opens at the Public Theatre in New York.

MAY 5
1865-Religious leader Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. is born in a log cabin in Seak Creek, VA.

1965-Robert Sengstacke Abbott founds the *Chicago Defender*, calling it "The World's Greatest Weekly."

1919-The NAACP awards the Spingarn Medal to William Stanley Branham.

1931-Painter Edwin A. Harleston dies in Charleston, SC.

1969-Monroe Sleet becomes the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for his photograph of Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and her daughter at her husband's funeral.

1977-The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society is founded in Washington, DC.

MAY 6
1787-Prince Hall forms African Lodge #59, the first Black Masonic Lodge in the U.S.

1946-The Civil Rights Act of 1960 is signed by President Eisenhower.

MAY 7
1931-Literary critic and editor Darwin Turner is born in Cincinnati, OH.

1941-Natural Man, a play by Theodore Browne, premieres in New York City.

1946-William Huston became the first African-American governor of the Virgin Islands.

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Religious Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 2
PLAINFIELD—National Day of Prayer at 7 p.m. at Faith Christian Outreach Center. For more info call 908-675-2332.

FRIDAY, MAY 3
WATCHUNG—May Fellowship Day Luncheon and Program, starting noon, at Wilson Memorial Union Church. For more info and tickets call Kaye Hanneken at 908-755-1455.

NEWARK—Youth revival hosted by the youth of Bethany Baptist Church. For more info call 201-623-8161.

MAY 3 AND 4
PLAINFIELD—Covenant United Methodist Church's "Turnover" Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. For more info call 908-756-2664.

MAY 3 THRU AUGUST 17
NEWARK—Presentation of the gospel play *Silver at Synagogue* in the church. Shows are Friday 7:30 p.m. and Saturday 2 p.m. For more info and tickets call Viola Sykes at 908-755-5706.

SATURDAY, MAY 4
NEWARK—First Baptist Church will honor Rev. Dr. Ronald Durham on

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Calcium during pregnancy could save lives

ONTARIO, CAN.—A woman's need for meeting the current recommended levels of calcium just took on new urgency. In the April 10 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, scientists from McMaster University, in Ontario, CAN, reported that consuming sufficient calcium during pregnancy can reduce the risk of pregnancy-induced hypertension (PIH) and pre-eclampsia, a potentially fatal disorder of high blood pressure and kidney failure. PIH and pre-eclampsia affect up to one in seven American women and are

leading causes of c-sections, pre-term births and low birth-weight babies, making them among the most important issues in pregnancy care. The most extensive summary of randomized controlled trials in this area to date, McMaster researchers reviewed the data from 14 trials involving nearly 2,500 pregnant women. The compelling results indicate that 1,500 to 2,000 mg daily of calcium supplementation can lower the risk of PIH by 70 percent and the risk of pre-eclampsia by over 60 percent.

The analysis could identify no

significant side-effects of increased calcium supplementation. The authors also noted that meeting calcium needs during pregnancy should reduce the incidence of related pre-term deliveries, low birth weight babies and cesarean sections.

Society's Cost
• The total cost of care for premature infants in this country is \$16-\$22 billion annually.
• Hospital care for a premature baby averages over \$2,000 per day, adding up to as much as \$125,000 or more per infant, as many premature

infants remain hospitalized for weeks or months.

• Hospital care of a very low birth weight baby can be \$7,000 per day, totaling as much as half a million dollars per infant.
• Higher birth weight is associated with longer life expectancy and lower life-long risk of hypertension, hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol), heart disease, diabetes and osteoporosis.
• Higher mortality among U.S. infants.

See CALCIUM page 10

Clergy and politicians debate ethics and budget cuts

WESTFIELD—U.S. Congressman Donald Payne of Essex and Robert Franks of Union County will anchor a panel seeking common ground to reduce the widening gap between suburban and urban communities. The congressman will be part of a community forum on "Ethics and the Legislative Process" to be held on Monday, May 6, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

This is a powerful opportunity to bring together people of different religions and races of the city and the suburbs to explore what kind of society we want to have and what role each of us can play," stated Rabbi Charles Kroloff

of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield one of the organizers of the forum.

The guest speaker will be Rabbi David Superstein of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism in Washington, DC, who will explore the impact of state and federal budget cuts on poorer communities and their relationship to the principles and teachings of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Rev. John Wightman, Senior Minister at the First Congregational Church of Westfield involved his congregation because "We've been concerned

about the lack of consideration of ethical issues in the legislative process and see this as a way of initiating dialogue."

Other invited guests include: State Senator Wynton Lipman, Assemblyman Richard Bagger, and Moderator Dr. Henry Coleman of Rutgers University.

The forum is being sponsored by the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry. For information contact the Ministry at 201-481-6650.

AAA offers safe walking tips for seniors

FLORHAM PARK—Although only 11 percent of the population, nearly 25 percent of pedestrian fatalities involve someone 65 or older, reports the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

To help make walking safer for seniors, the club has developed a public awareness program, which includes the following advice:

- See—before stepping off the curb, be sure you can see turning or approaching vehicles, especially at intersections.
- Be seen—wear light, bright colors during daylight, particularly in winter when the low angle of the sun creates long shadows. At night, wear reflective material and carry a flashlight.
- Walk smart—a green light and "walk" signal don't necessarily mean it's safe to step off the curb. Don't assume vehicles will stop.
- Time it—pedestrian signals often don't allow enough time for people

to get all the way across before they begin flashing. During the signal is already flashing. If you're in the middle of the street, continue to the other side.

- Cross only at corners.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

Senior clubs or groups interested in hosting free AAA safety programs can call Paul Kiehlback at 201-377-7200, ext. 274.

To obtain a copy of the safe walking tips brochure Walking Through the Years, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to Walking Through the Years, AAA Safety Department, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park 07932.

McDonald's launches 12th annual Gospelfest

NEW YORK—Tri-state area McDonald's restaurants are encouraging local gospel groups to participate in the 12th annual McDonald's Gospelfest, a community celebration of gospel music and fellowship.

This year's theme, "Gospel Music: Past, Present and Future," is an open invitation to the 200+ gospel groups expected to take part in six preliminary auditions and a final audition culminating in a grand-scale community concert at the Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Gospelfest '96 will recognize the efforts of adult and children's choirs. Participating groups in the adult category will have the opportunity to win a full production Studio

recording session and cash prizes of \$1,500 to \$2,500. The three winning groups will perform alongside Grammy winners Shirley Caesar and Hezekiah Walker at the June 15th gala event.

Participating children's choirs will have the opportunity to win cash prizes of \$500 to \$1,000. The three winning children's groups will also perform at the gala.

As part of Gospelfest, the New York Tri-State McDonald's Owner/Operator Association will once again raise funds for the McDonald's Gospelfest Fellowship Award, a scholarship fund to benefit local students with an interest in music.

To be eligible for the Gospelfest,

Health Calendar

ATTENTION:
PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center offers community health education classes and support groups for cancer, childbirth, lactation, diabetes, etc. For more info call 908-668-2000.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on navigating through the "Medicare-Medicaid Maze" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW or 908-937-7565.

THURSDAY, MAY 2
NEWARK—Columbia Hospital will offer a free foot screening from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Hospital's Ambulatory Treatment Center. For more info call 201-258-1407.

SATURDAY, MAY 4
JERSEY CITY—"Biblical Family Assembly Program" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jersey City Medical Center. For more info call 1-800-447-3337.

MONDAY, MAY 6
PLAINFIELD—Free eye screening for adults for glaucoma and visual acuity at The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 201-543-7200.

THURSDAY, MAY 9
LIVINGSTON—New Jersey Eating Disorders will hold meetings for a free support group persons with anorexia nervosa, bulimia, and compulsive eating problems at 8:30 p.m. For more info call 1-800-424-2266.

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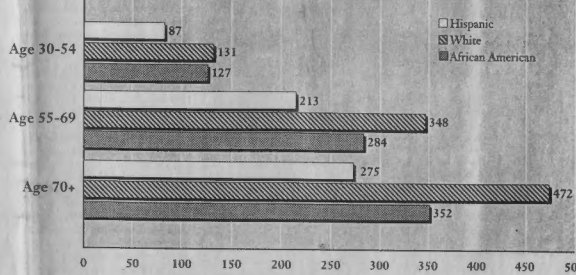
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Breast Cancer Incidence by Age, 1988-1992



Average annual incidence rates per 100,000 women, age-adjusted to 1970 U.S. standard population. Data Source: Racial/Ethnic Patterns of Cancer in the United States, 1988-1992 (In press), National Cancer Institute Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program.

ENTERTAINMENT

Billboard

MAY 1 & 2

PLAINFIELD—Acollection of 18th & 19th century paintings by artists of Great Britain at Swain Galleries. For more info call 908-758-1707.

THRU MAY 26

MILLBURN—Call Me Madam by Irving Berlin starring Leslie Uggams at the Papper Mill Playhouse. For more info call 376-4343.

THRU JUNE 2

NEW YORK—"Explorations in the City of Light: African-American Artists in Paris, 1945-1965" will be displayed at the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more info call 212-864-4500.

THRU JUNE 8

NEWARK—"With All Deliberate Speed: Revisiting Race & Education" a historical perspective on desegregation and education, at Aljira. For more info call 201-643-8877.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

NEW YORK—Great Performers of Lincoln Center presents Pavarotti Placit at 8 p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall. For tickets and more info call 212-721-6500.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

NEW YORK—Lincoln Center Community Arts Project presents "Rejoice Ensemble: A Salute to the New York City African-American Composer" at 8 p.m. at Alice Tully Hall. For more info call 212-721-6500.

MAY 2-19

TRENTON—Signature by Beth Henley at the Passage Theatre Company. For more info call 609-392-0766.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

NEWARK—"The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents the finalists in 1996 young artists audition at 8 p.m. For more info call 1-800-ALLEGRO."

WOODBRIDGE—The Gordon James Band will perform at the Barron Center Arts Center at 8 p.m.

MAY 3 & 4

FANWOOD—The Philharmonic production of A View From the Bridge will be performed at 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-322-8886.

MAY 3 THRU 5

NEWARK—"The African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. and African Globe Theatricals presents The Daughter of Lee Roy Jones. For times and more info call 201-643-4551 or 201-643-4552."

SATURDAY, MAY 4

SOUTH AMBOY—Jazz & R&B keyboardist, Alex Bugnon will perform at Club Bene at 9 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

NEW YORK—City Line presents "Disturbing the Peace 10th Annual Festival of Film and Video" from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Hunter College. For list of films and more info call 212-529-1955.

MAY 4 THRU JUNE 2

NEW BRUNSWICK—Twinsnow showing at the George Street Playhouse. For more info call 908-246-7717.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

NEW YORK—Great Performers at Lincoln Center presents Brechtian String Quartet at 11 a.m. at Walter Reade Theater. Also Ensemble, Out at 2 p.m. at Alice Tully Hall, and Jessye Norman at 5 p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall. For more info call 212-721-6500.

HOBOKEN—The Hoboken Spring Arts & Music Festival will take place from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more info call 201-420-2207.

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"From Mothers to Blues and Jazz," a Mother's Day tribute

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Jazz Institute of New Brunswick (JINB) will showcase the next generation of jazz performers on Saturday, May 11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peppermint Entertainment Complex, in a tribute to mothers.

The event will feature the Youth Ensemble of the Jazz Institute, as well as the jazz bands of Weequahic and University High Schools and special guest appearances. Musicians will include Muse Recording Star/keyboardist Radium Schwartz, Yusuf Ali on drums, vocalist Carrie Jackson, and JINB Founder Leslie Ford on trumpet.

The fundraiser event is open to the public. Ticket prices are \$8 in advance for adults and \$5 for students. Adult tickets are \$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Institute.

Tickets are available at: The Peppermint Complex, Central Ave., Orange; Robin Hutchins Gallery, Maplewood Ave., Maplewood; and Affair of the Palette/Palette, New Street, New Brunswick.

For further information on the event, call 908-214-0113.

Waiting to Exhale wins big at Image Awards

In case you were too busy last Tuesday, to tune in to the NAACP Image Awards—and you did miss a great show—African-American entertainers truly received their just dues. Image Award winners are...

Outstanding Motion Picture—*Waiting to Exhale* (20th Century Fox)
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Motion Picture—Denzel Washington, *Crimson Tide*

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Motion Picture—Angela Bassett, *Waiting to Exhale*

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture—Laurence Fishburne, *Higher Learning*

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture—Loretta Devine, *Waiting to Exhale*
Outstanding Youth Actor/Actress—Tatiana M. Ali, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*

Outstanding Comedy Series—*Living Single* (FOX)

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series—Martin Lawrence, *Martin*

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series—Erika Alexander, *Living Single*

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series—Alfonso Ribeiro, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series—Tichina Arnold

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Outstanding Drama Series—*New York Undercover* (FOX)

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series—Malik Yoba, *New York Undercover*

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series—Della Reese, *Touched by an Angel*

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series—Ice-T, *New York Undercover*

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series—Fatima Falye, *New York Undercover*

Outstanding Television Movie, Mini-Series or Drama Special—*The Tuskegee Armen* (HBO)

Outstanding Actor in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Drama Special—Laurence Fishburne, *The Tuskegee Armen*

Outstanding Actress in a Television Movie, Mini-Series or Drama Special—Alfre Woodard, *The Piano Lesson*

Outstanding Daytime Drama Series—*The Young and the Restless* (CBS)

Outstanding Actor in a Daytime Drama Series—Kristoff St. John, *The Young and the Restless*

Outstanding Actress in a Daytime Drama Series—Victoria Rowell, *The Young and the Restless*

Outstanding Variety Series—*Outstanding Variety Series*

Special—The 1995 Essence Awards (FOX)

Outstanding Performance in a Variety Series/Special—Eddie & Gerald Levert, *The 1995 Essence Awards*

Outstanding Educational/Informational Youth or Children's Series/Special—*Levar Burton Presents: A Reading Rainbow* (PBS)

Outstanding Performance in an Educational/Informational Youth or Children's Series/Special—Levar Burton, *Reading Rainbow*

Outstanding Animated/Live-Action or Dramatic Youth or Children's Series/Special—*CBS Schoolbreak Special* (CBS)

Outstanding Performance in an Animated/Live-Action or Dramatic Youth or Children's Series/Special—Denzel Washington, *Happily Ever After: Rumpelstiltskin*

Outstanding News, Talk or Information Series—*The Oprah Winfrey Show*, "Black For a Day" episode

Outstanding News, Talk or Information Series—CNN Special Coverage: *The Million Man March* (CNN)

Outstanding Literary Work, Fiction—*Children of the Dust*, Clancy Carle

Outstanding Literary Work, Non-Fiction—*When We Were Colored*

See IMAGE AWARDS/ page 10



Tina Tyler (l) and Lynda Gravatt star in Crossroads Theatre's *The Screened In Proch*. Photo by Christopher

The Screened In Proch opens at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre Company presents the world premiere production of *The Screened In Proch* by playwright Marian X.

The play will run through May 26 and is directed by Judyie Al-Bilali and stars Chad Coleman, Leslie Danette, Erika Ewing, Lynda Gravatt, Eleanor McCoy and Tina Tyler.

The Screened In Proch explores the lives of several black women whose experiences span decades and who are each seeking to heal from the personal pain they have endured. These lives intersect and disperse in several different directions—friend to friend,

mother to daughter, daughter to friend, neighbor to neighbor.

Marian X uses language that is at once candidly honest and poetic, forming a style that veers away from realism much in the way our own conscience does, it shades, molds and disguises the truth.

The dramatic writing brings the story to life, reaching some poignant realities that would not unfold using conventional realism. For more info and tickets call 908-249-5560. Absolut Vodka is the official sponsor of *The Screened In Proch*.

AHN airs A Soldier's Story

NEW YORK—"The African Heritage Movie Network (AHN) 'Movie of the Month' series, hosted by film legends Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, celebrates Memorial Day with the national broadcast of *A Soldier's Story*, a screen adaptation of Charles Fuller's Pulitzer Prize-winning play.

A compelling murder mystery, *A Soldier's Story* is set against the rigid background of the 40's army life, where black soldiers are confronted by a double harsh system of military hierarchy and racism. AHN's 'Movie of the Month' series is brought to you by ATKT.

A Soldier's Story airs on WABC, May 5, 11:30 p.m.

"*A Soldier's Story* is about men at war," said Ruby Dee, "But who is the enemy?" asked Ossie Davis. "That is the mystery."

"We may have expected racism to be the villain, but it wasn't," replied Ruby Dee. "Hate was the villain."

The movie tells the story of Sergeant Vernon C. Waters, leader of the all-black 22nd Central Postal Directory Company based at Fort Neal, LA, who is shot and killed on a lonely road outside the base. Waters becomes the latest in a series of unsolved slayings in a racially tense town.

Pressured to solve the string of murders, the Army much to the dismay of the white base commander dispatches Captain Davenport south to launch an investigation.

A Soldier's Story features Howard E. Rollins Jr. as Captain Davenport, a proud black army attorney, Adolph Caesar (Sergeant Waters), Denzel Washington (Private First Class Peterson), Robert Townsend (Corporal Ellis), David Alan Grier (Corporal Cobb), Art Evans (Private Wilkes), David Harris (Private Smalls), Dennis Lipscomb (Captain Taylor), Larry Riley (CJ Memphis).



Howard E. Rollins stars as Captain Davenport in *A Soldier's Story*.

Jessye Norman in concert at Lincoln Center

NEW YORK—The incomparable soprano Jessye Norman takes the Avery Fisher Hall stage for a *Great Performers at Lincoln Center* recital on Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Joined for this performance by pianist Mark Maham, Norman will be singing a program of works by Brahms, Wolf, John La Montaine and John Carter, juxtaposing spiritual music with classical German lieder.

Tickets for this one night performance are \$55, \$35 and \$25 and are available at the Avery Fisher Hall box office and through CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.



The above painting by Robert Leber entitled "New York City People at Work" is part of an exhibition of Leber's oil paintings at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield from May 4 through June 1. For more info call the Gallery at 908-756-1707.

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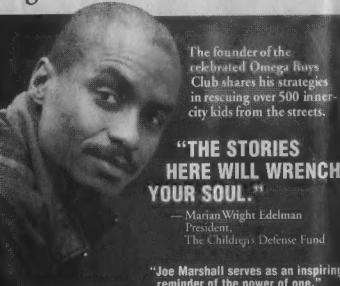
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LEGAL NOTICE

PART I INVITATION FOR BIDS CONTRACT # 96-0131

The City of Plainfield will accept sealed bids for contract No. 96-0131. **Waterwood Tank Station** piping, tank improvements, all as shown on drawings and detailed in the specifications, units 2.20 to 2.30, **primarily local line** (May 13, 1996) at the City Hall Library, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. All work to be completed and ready to start on or before May 1, 1996. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for all labor, materials, equipment, delivery, and services concerning Waterwood Tank Station piping, tank improvements, all as shown on drawings and detailed in the specifications.

The above contract shall be performed in strict accordance with the contract documents, including any drawings and specifications which may be issued by the Engineering Division Office at 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. All work to be completed and ready to start on or before May 1, 1996. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A copy of the contract documents may be obtained from the Engineering Division upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)**. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, or bank draft, payable to the City of Plainfield. Bid documents will only be available from April 29, 1996 to May 7, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the City of Plainfield, in the amount of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars), or a satisfactory bid received from the bidder in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not to exceed twenty (20) hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall be submitted with each bid.

A mandatory pre bid meeting shall be held with all the prospective bidders on May 7, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., at the City Hall Library, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, NJ. All bidders must be present at this meeting. Bids not received by this time will not be available after this time.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project and all employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the Uniform Labor Law, N.J.S.A. 17:27, as well as the requirements of the City of Plainfield. Such requirements are set forth in the contract documents. Bids must be received by the City of Plainfield on or before May 1, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

Bids may be held by the City for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of opening of the bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and awarding the contract to the lowest bidder. Bids not received by this time will not be available after this time.

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ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION 116 SOUTH COVENTRY STREET, EAST ORANGE, NJ 07026

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Additionally, the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting for May 1996 is cancelled.

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL AUDIT SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the Township of Berkeley, New Jersey requires the services of a certified Public Accountant to perform a fiscal audit of the Housing Authority's accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1995 to comply with the State Audit Act, 1984 (NJSA 17:27) and the Housing Authority's Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Nos. 95-30 and the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law of the State of New Jersey.

The program to be audited includes:

1. Conventional Low Rent Public Housing
2. Section 8 New Construction and Section 8 Existing Housing
3. MOD/CIAP

It is recommended that interested parties contact their Director of staff operations for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the financial books and records of the Housing Authority. She can be reached at 908-209-2312.

All proposals must be submitted in triplicate on the prescribed proposal contract form (Proposed agreement for review of the secured services). A copy of which may be obtained from the Housing Authority, telephone (908) 209-2312. Respondents must provide the information required under items 7 and 10 of the proposed agreement and execute same. We require that the subject audit commence no later than May 15, 1996 and be completed by July 31, 1996.

Respondents must submit with their proposals a statement setting forth their qualifications and experience.

The selected bidder shall be required to evaluate proposal and select an Auditor.

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1. Degree to which Respondent's qualifications and experience adequately meet the requirements of the program to be audited.

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sent from above. Respondents will be notified of the Housing Authority's action on this matter by May 7, 1996.

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LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey that the Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve that the Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 1996, on or before May 1, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

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Lucille Mary Moore remembered as lady for all seasons

REDBANK—Lucille Mary Moore of Sea Bright, NJ died recently at the age of 96, and was eulogized by her pastor, Rev. Terrell W. Rousehel of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church as, "A serene lady for all seasons. She had a serene confidence in God. She was confident that life was meant to be beautiful, and how we care for one

another.

She valued honesty, politeness, courtesy, laughter, and she valued conversation. To her conversation was the supreme instrument for learning.

Mrs. Moore was born in Sea Bright on September 24, 1899, one of the youngest of fourteen children of Wil-

liam James and Mary Baily Corrin. For over thirty years she was very active with the Monmouth County Coalition, providing inspiration to hundreds of graduating high school young ladies teaching etiquette and manners, and most effectively influencing them by her personal erect carriage and proper wearing apparel—dress, hat and gloves.

She was affectionately known as "Mrs. Cotillion."

Patricia Fisher, of Milltown, coalition general chairperson, said "For over 30 years she exemplified what a lady should be in the cotillion. Always prim and proper, and when she had to reach out to someone she would address them as, 'Young Lady.'"

Dr. Deborah Wolf, a long time friend and former professor at Tuskegee Institute, recalled meeting Mrs. Moore as a dormitory house mother. "I was eager to meet anyone from New Jersey, because I was a third generation New Jersey. And I met a woman for all seasons, who was at home with any race, color or creed. She was at home

in the north or south. She was truly a virtuous woman. I see her as love in action."

Speaking for the congregation, Senior Church Warden Jay Ham Sr., Frechold, remarked, "She was the second oldest member of our church, but you could not leave her out of anything."

Courts reject diversity

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Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "There is a sentiment in American that discrimination against African Americans is no longer a problem." Across the country, a number of court rulings and administrative decisions have rejected diversity.

Just two years ago, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals outlawed a scholarship program at the University of Maryland, an institution saddled by a legacy of racial discrimination. Thurgood Marshall had denied admission to the university's law school. Maryland later designed programs to attract high-achieving African-American students.

Last year, the University of California Board of Regents abolished all affirmative action in admissions. In fact, more than a dozen states are

contemplating bills to prevent universities from considering racial diversity admissions.

In 1978, the Supreme Court set a precedent in the case of Allan Bakke, a white applicant who sued for entry to a California state medical school. The court ruled educational institutions can take race into account as one factor among many for the purpose of achieving diversity. For nearly two decades, the Bakke case has stood as law, providing a basis to assure that public policy establishes environments reflective of the racial and ethnic diversity in our nation.

As current events appear reminiscent of the past, many African-Americans are looking for answers on how to end the racial regression. Ted Shaw offers one response.

"Our community must be conscious of the kind of judges a candidate, regardless of party affiliation, will appoint," says Shaw. "We must then vote for candidates who will appoint judges who will not be hostile to the interests of African Americans. We cannot afford to sit on our hands and complaining that there is no ideal candidate."

Two of the three judges who ruled in the 4th Circuit Court decision were appointed by President George Bush and the third by President Ronald Reagan. Years after the Reagan-Bush era, their policies still have far-reaching implications.

While many opponents of equal opportunity analyze the recent Texas decisions as the death knell for affirmative action, Shaw renders a differ-

ent view. "A three-judge Circuit Court ruling is not the law of the land. After all, the Bakke decision still stands. One stray ruling by a Circuit Court cannot change that," Shaw emphasizes. "The Legal Defense Fund will continue the fight for a racial and economic justice."

Standing up

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I've seen Sen. Thurmond operate in person during many Judicial Committee confirmation hearings, and I would not be so generous describing him. He never makes a secret of his noxious beliefs, even trying to defend disgraced and rejected Supreme Court nominees, like former Federal Judge Robert Bork.

In comments later however, Rep. Clay put his finger on the racial crisis. He complained that Americans have become more tolerant of racial discrimination. "Strum hasn't changed Americans' definition of what constitutes bigotry has changed," he told Roll Call newspaper. "It's now popular to ignore racism and racists." Amen Brother.

The more African Americans are aware of the changing sentiments in American society, and the more astutely they exercise their political power, the better prepared they can be to combat attacks on admission policies, Shaw noted. Only then can the signs finally read, "Welcome."

What's good about this incident is not just that someone stood up to Sen. Thurmond, but rather that all of us have been shown the honorable position, and the high road to get there. Too many of us are so hungry that we will forget our principles, and too often hold our noses and then try to swallow something so distasteful that it should make us sick, just to get a few brownie points from someone who helps us get money.

Thanks Rep. Clay, Rep. Stokes. You do us proud, and you've done much to help educate some Black leaders and educators, badly in need of a being taught a "lesson" about the ongoing struggle of our people for dignity.

Calcium

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fants is in fact due entirely to a small excess of pre-term deliveries. The prevention of excess mortality among U.S. infants depends on the prevention of pre-term births. Wilcox, et al. JAMA, March 1, 1995 Vol. 273, No. 9

The Safety Of Calcium Supplement

Adequate calcium during pregnancy is also necessary for protection of the mother's bones and teeth and for development of healthy fetal bones and teeth. Most pre-natal vitamins contain only 200-300 mg of calcium. Adequate calcium is an excellent form of calcium for pregnant women and it is inexpensive—Turner, for instance, costs less than \$60 a year for 1,000 mg.

Because of its high quality and superior safety, Tums was chosen by the NIH's division of Child and Human Development as the calcium supplement for the Calcium for Pre-Eclampsia Prevention (CPEP) trial.

Image Awards

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Clifton Taulbert

Outstanding Literary Work, Children—*Her Stories: African-American Folktales, Fairy tales and True Tales*, Virginia Hamilton

Outstanding New Artist—*Brandy*, Brandy

Outstanding Male Artist—*Luther Vandross*, Songs

Outstanding Female Artist—*Whitney Houston*, *Exhale (Shoop)*

Outstanding Duo or Group—*Boyz II Men*, II

Outstanding Rap Artist—*LL Cool J*, *Mr. Smith*

Outstanding Jazz Artist—*Quincy Jones*, *Q's Jook Joint*

Outstanding Gospel Artist—*Kirk Franklin and the Family*, *Kirk Franklin and the Family*

Outstanding Music Video—*Waterfalls*, TLC

Outstanding Soundtrack Album—*Waiting to Exhale*

Outstanding Song—*Exhale (Shoop, Shoop)*, Whitney Houston

Outstanding Album—*Waiting to Exhale*

Richard Pryor was inducted into the Image Award Hall of Fame and

Quincy Jones was awarded entertainment of the year Entertainers and into the Hall of Fame posthumously were, Madge Sinclair, Butterfly McQueen and Roxy Rocker

Power

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Sports legends

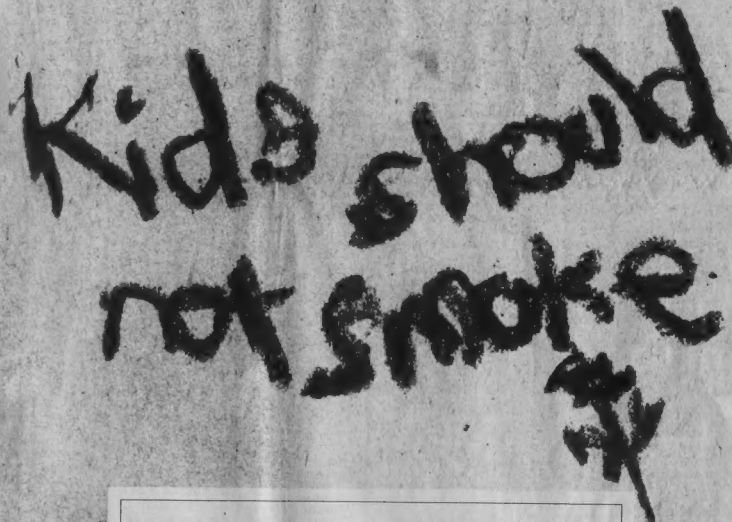
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Community Development Planner, will be honored as the "In-Touch Community Development Planner Par Excellence" for his work in facilitating block grants for Building Improvements and upgrading Social Service agencies such as the Second Street Youth Center, a proud member of the United Way of Union County Circle of Family.

Rick Taylor CEO of the youth center recalled that he and former Plainfield NFL star, Vic Washington, were both student-athletes under the guidance of Black, when he was a physical Education Instructor at Hubbard Middle School in the early 1960's.

Other celebrities invited to participate in the Gala Tribute are Len Coleman, National League Baseball president; Rachel and Sharon Robinson, widow and daughter of Jackie Robinson; George Steinbrenner, NY Yankee Team Owner; Blair Underwood, Actor and Screen Star of HBO's portrayal of Jackie Robinson; Danny Glover, Montel Williams, TV Talk Show Host and Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

The staff at City News extends our condolences to our columnist Connie Woodruff on the recent loss of her husband. Connie you are in our prayers. May God bless you.



Our position on underage smoking isn't hard to understand.

At Philip Morris USA, we don't want minors to have access to cigarettes. Minors shouldn't smoke. Period.

The question is, what are we doing about it?

We're fully committed and working hard to prevent minors from having access to cigarettes. That's the goal of our *Action Against Access* program.

For instance, we don't distribute free sample cigarettes—or send cigarettes to consumers by mail. And we're proposing that access to cigarette vending machines be restricted to adults.

We've joined with retailers, wholesalers, and other major cigarette manufacturers to support an ambitious new program which will provide stores across the country with signs and educational materials to promote awareness of minimum-age laws and the importance of checking ID.

We're also supporting the passage of state legislation to more effectively enforce minimum-age laws.

These are just some of the things we're doing to help prevent underage smoking. We don't claim that any one of them is an answer by itself.

But they all help keep cigarettes away from kids.

And that's the best way to keep kids away from cigarettes.



Action Against Access.